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Subject:

July 2011 Osaka Travel Market Revision

Dear Mr. Timothy Pugh,

I am faxing over an updated version of our tour brochures which we included a comment that bolifies our readership that we are registered under FARA.

"This material is circulated by the City of Osaka, Chicago Office, registered under the FARA of 1938, and is filed with the Department of Justice where the required registration statement is available for public inspection."

Please let us know should there be any issues/suggestions or questions with regards to this. Unless we hear otherwise from you, we will assume that this report has been made up to your standards.

Best regards,

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Tour Tips

Discount Passes

A variety of discount passes are available for visitors to fully enjoy Osaka. These passes are convenient as there is no need to buy a ticket at each combination, and save you money without any long queue problems.



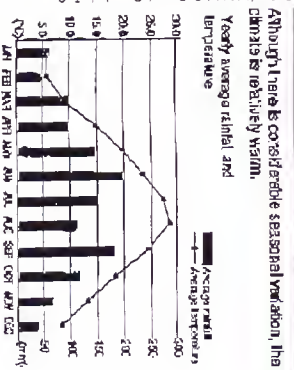
- Osaka Unlimited Pass**
 This pass allows you to benefit of 14 days and 14 nights in Osaka, as well as free admission to over 20 popular sightseeing facilities, including Osaka Castle Museum, a day cruise and observation deck. Discounts and special offers are also available for other facilities, restaurants and shops.
- Osaka Kaiyū Ticket**
 1-day pass for the Osaka municipal transportation system (Osaka, Moriguchi, Neyagami, Chūō, and Suita) and Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan.
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Tourist Information Centers

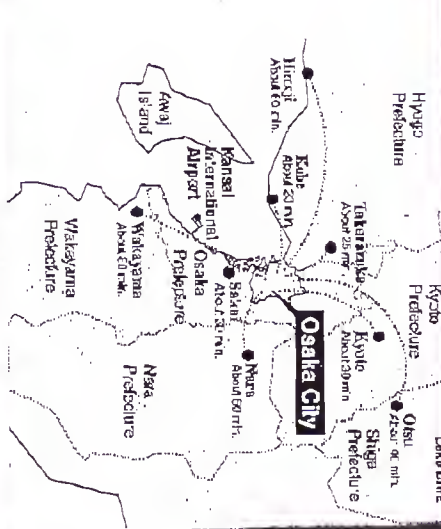
There are four National Tourist Information Centers around Osaka to provide you with the latest information on Osaka to visit destinations, including sightseeing, accommodation, and other services.

Shin Osaka (JR Shin-Osaka Station) 8:00~20:00
Umeda (JR Osaka Station) 8:30~20:00
Namba (Namba Station) 9:30~20:00
Tennoji (Tennoji Station) 8:00~20:00

Climate



Osaka, Tourism Hub of the Kansai Region



Access from Kansai International Airport	
Transportation	Time
Osaka	50min. (1300JPY/\$16)
Namba (Osaka)	45min. (1300JPY/\$17)



Tour Guide

Welcome to Osaka!

歴史: Walk through Osaka's Historic Past

At various points during the 5th to 8th centuries, Osaka served as Japan's capital and has since played a major role in Japanese trade and culture.

Osaka Castle - Golden Castle

One of the legendary castles of Japan, Osaka Castle was built in 1583, the current Toshukaku (main tower) reconstructed in 1931 and in 1997 the main castle was beautifully restored. In addition to a fantastic view of Osaka, valuable historical artifacts are on display with audio guide.

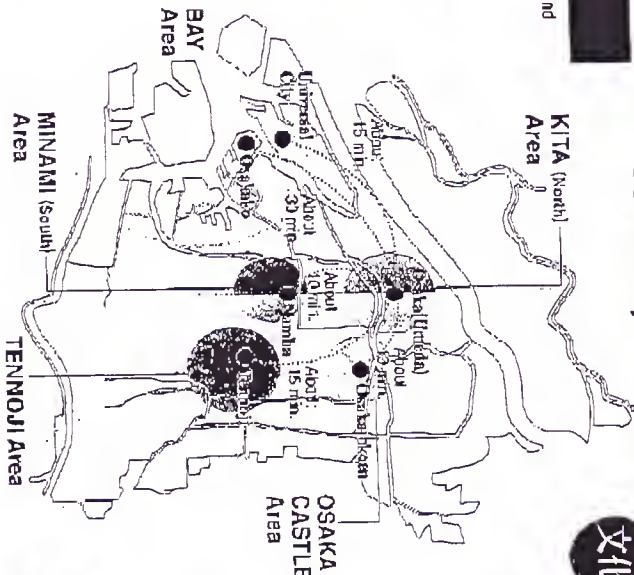


Shitennoji Temple

Japan's oldest officially administered temple was founded by Prince Shouchou in 593. Visiting to Shitennoji Temple will experience traditional Japanese culture including enjoying Akochi (green tea) in one of the four tea rooms in Honbo gardens.



Osaka City Area



文化: Experience the Traditional Arts

Osaka is alive with a variety of traditional arts. Since Osaka's establishment as an old castle town, successive generations have handed down a thriving culture of traditional arts.

Noh

Act plays are a traditional form of Japanese entertainment and one of the oldest dramatic performances in existence that continues to be performed close to its original form.



Bunraku

Originating in Osaka more than 300 years ago, Bunraku is a form of traditional puppet theater still performed today, and is registered by UNESCO as a World Intangible Cultural Heritage.



Karriyaga Ukiyoe Museum

Ukiyoe is traditional Japanese woodblock printing. The museum features prints of Osaka Kabuki actors in this unique art form.



祭: Enjoy Osaka's Traditional Festivals

Osaka Tenjin Festival (7/24 - 25)

Tenjin Matsuri is one of Japan's largest and oldest festivals dating back to the year 940. This two-day festival features purification ceremonies and processions of various kinds including the evening boat parade with over 100 brightly lit boats cruising Osaka's many rivers while fireworks light the sky.



Taka Ebisu Festival (1/9 - 11)

Visitors pray for prosperity in business for the coming year in the Taka (Toby) Ebisu Festival. The Inamiya-Ebisu Jin'ya (shrine) hosts the biggest festival of all the shrines. This festival is unique to Osaka, the city of commerce.



食: Feast in the City of Culinary Delights

Kyushu Udon consists of Udon noodles in a broth with fried Tofu. Osaka-zushi (Osaka style sushi) is different than traditional Tokyo style sushi in that it is pressed or steamed. And Tenjinbishi is a light (lowfish) hot pot with seaweed in addition to traditional dishes, more modern Osaka style food includes Okonomiyaki (a savory pancake) and Takoyaki (small flour dumplings with octopus). These are just some of the unique variations of traditional Japanese food found in Osaka.

